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Director
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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am attaching hereto
communications which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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TITLE MARIJAN JOHN MARKUL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MARKUL interviewed 4/18/55 and 4/20/55. Background and history set out. He was in jail two years in Yugoslavia from 1926-27. He later went to Russia and was imprisoned there. In 1933 he escaped from Russia. In 1936 he came to the United States as a stowaway on a ship. In 1953 he visited Yugoslavia and talked with Marshal TITO twice and visited other officials. He claims that Marshal TITO is not the real JOSIP BROZ TITO but he is an impostor, and that the real JOSIP BROZ disappeared in Russia in 1937. He claims further that the present Yugoslav Government has been dominated by the USSR all along, and the fact that Russia allegedly controls Yugoslavia will soon be evident to everyone. MARKUL admits meeting various Yugoslav Consul officials, but advised he has not been contacted by them since 1954.

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DETAILS:

MARIJAN JOHN MARKUL was interviewed April 18, 1955, by SA's WILLIAM O. CARPENTER and EDWARD E. ABBOTT at

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the Larchmont Coffee Shop at 236 North Larchmont Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, which restaurant MARKUL owns and manages. During this interview he furnished the following information which is being set out under appropriate headings.

BACKGROUND

MARKUL was born at Livno, Yugoslavia November 27, 1909. In 1926 he was arrested in Yugoslavia for trade union agitation. At this time he was a Social Democrat, but was not a Communist. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment by the Yugoslav Government. He served two years of this sentence and was in jail in 1926 and 1927. He was arrested in 1926 at the same time as ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC, now Minister of the Interior and in charge of the Yugoslav Police. MARKUL became acquainted with RANKOVIC as they spent about a week together in the same cell after being arrested. In 1930 MARKUL went to Russia and obtained employment there, and soon was arrested by the Russian Police in 1930 for failure to meet his work quota. There he remained in jail in Russia until 1933. He escaped from jail in 1933 and made his way to Finland. He was arrested by the Finnish Police, turned over to the Russian Police, and then shipped to Siberia near Lake Baikal. After ten days he escaped again and made his way to Manchuria. From Harbin, Manchuria he went to Shanghai, China. From Shanghai he took a boat to Hamburg, Germany. After arriving in Germany he was placed in a detention camp, but he was released and went to Antwerp, Belgium. He met the Yugoslav Consul there, who arranged for him to obtain employment on a Yugoslav boat. He worked on this boat for only about a year because of poor pay and bad working conditions. He then went to Germany, and from there he took a Swedish boat to Bordeaux, France. This was in the winter of 1934. He then went to Spain and became a stowaway on a boat. After landing on the northern part of Spain, he was turned over to the police and spent 21 days in jail. He was transported then to the French Border in 1935 and went to Belgium. On May 7, 1936, he became a stowaway and came to the United States, landing in New York. He came on the Konigsburg, which is a German ship. He went to Chicago, staying there until 1942. From 1942 to 1945 he served in the United States Army and was discharged at Marysville, California, and he returned to Chicago. In 1947 he came to Los Angeles and

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worked as a tool and die worker. In February, 1955, he bought the restaurant which he now owns and operates. He was naturalized as a United States citizen March 14, 1955. He served in the United States Army from October 9, 1942 to November 30, 1944, when he was honorably discharged as a corporal. His wife is INGRID KLING MARKUL, who is employed as a laboratory technician at the Los Angeles County Hospital. She is a native born American citizen.

ACTIVITIES

MARKUL visited Yugoslavia in 1953 with his wife INGRID and stayed there five weeks. His father and three sisters live in Yugoslavia, and he desired to visit them, especially since his father is 88 years old. During this visit he met Marshal TITO and also talked with ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC, Minister of Interior and in charge of the Yugoslav Police. MARKUL advised that it appeared to him that ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC is the real ruler of Yugoslavia. He also stated that he feels that TITO is secretly working with the USSR and has been all along. While in Yugoslavia he also saw former Ambassador to the United States KOSANOVIC, and was invited to his home; however, nothing of importance happened on his visit to KOSANOVIC.

In 1954 MARKUL attended a reception in Los Angeles for the former Ambassador to the United States, POPOVIC. MARKUL met SINISA KOSUTIC, former Yugoslav Consul assigned to San Francisco. MARKUL met him in 1953 at the Yugoslav Consulate in San Francisco, at which time he discussed his proposed trip to Yugoslavia. Since then he has seen KOSUTIC several times. In July, 1954, KOSUTIC and Yugoslav Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE visited Los Angeles. MARKUL and his wife drove to the JONESTOWN Club in Los Angeles and picked up KARADJOLE and KOSUTIC and all went to dinner at the Nickodell Restaurant in Hollywood. At this time they discussed matters concerning the American-Yugoslav Civic Club. MARKUL was secretary of this club in July, 1954.

On September 21, 1954, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that SINISA KOSUTIC has been engaged in intelligence activities for the Yugoslav Government.

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T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 26, 1955 advised that BRANKO KARADJOLE, Yugoslav Consul General, has been engaged in intelligence activities for the Yugoslav Government.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 8, 1954 advised the American-Yugoslav Civic Club was formed in November, 1953 in Los Angeles at the instigation of former Yugoslav Consul General, RAPO IVANCEVIC. T-3 also stated that this club is pro-TITO, and it was formed to promote pro-TITO affairs and policies.

On September 21, 1954, T-1 advised that former Consul General RAPO IVANCEVIC was engaged in intelligence activities for the Yugoslav Government.

In July, 1954, while KARADJOLE and KOSUTIC were visiting in Los Angeles, MARKUL drove them to the Ambassador Hotel and entertained them, and recalls that he paid a bill of \$26 or \$28. He remarked that he could not afford this type of entertainment and that he told KARADJOLE he would not do it again. MARKUL claimed that he has had no contact with Yugoslav officials since this time.

On April 20, 1955, MARKUL came to the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and stated that he desired to furnish additional information concerning Marshal TITO, which information he believed was of great interest to the United States Government. He stated that he had considered giving this information to the United States State Department, but he had not done so because he felt he would not be believed. MARKUL gave the following information on April 20, 1955:

In MARKUL's opinion, Marshal TITO is not the real JOSIP BROZ TITO, but he is a Russian agent who was substituted by the Soviet Government for JOSIP BROZ in 1937, at which time the real JOSIP BROZ disappeared in Russia and is believed dead. When MARKUL visited TITO in 1953, he observed that TITO had five fingers on each hand, whereas the real JOSIP BROZ TITO had two fingers missing, the middle and forefinger of the left hand. The real JOSIP BROZ did not play the piano whereas Marshal TITO played the piano well. The real JOSIP BROZ was about 5'11" in height, and the present TITO is 5'4" or 5'5". The real JOSIP BROZ was

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not well educated, and had a different manner in speaking from present Marshal TITO. The real JOSIP BROZ had tuberculosis and was thin. He disappeared in 1937 when he was in Russia, and according to MARKUL, has not been seen since and is believed dead. The present Marshal TITO appears to be well educated and he speaks with a Russian accent. MARKUL said he had seen the real JOSIP BROZ in 1928 and again in 1936. He last saw him in 1936 in Paris, France in January or February.

After talking with Marshal TITO in Yugoslavia in 1953, he visited with ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC, the present Minister of Interior, and talked with him for about four hours. MARKUL said that he was an old acquaintance of RANKOVIC and so he could talk freely with him. He told RANKOVIC that the present TITO is an impostor and that he knew it and RANKOVIC then told him not to talk about this matter but to enjoy his visit and not to concern himself with things that were none of his business. RANKOVIC told him not to talk about this matter, and he then offered his card to MARKUL and told him to show it only if he got into trouble; however, MARKUL refused to accept it.

MARKUL then visited his sister, ANNA MARKUL, (now Mrs. BORIS GORIC) in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. He explained that both his sister and his sister's husband, BORIS GORIC, are doctors. During this visit to Mrs. BORIS GORIC and her husband, he was asked to attend another reception for TITO at Zagreb, and he did so.

After visiting TITO the second time, he again conferred with ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC for two hours. RANKOVIC did not ask him about himself but asked him about ANDREJ ARTUKOVIC, former Minister of Justice, whom the Yugoslav Government is trying to extradite from the United States to stand trial in Yugoslavia for alleged war crimes. RANKOVIC said he could not understand why the American Government allowed ARTUKOVIC to remain in the United States, and MARKUL said the American Government gives the accused a fair trial,

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which is not the case in Yugoslavia. MARKUL said that at the second reception he attended for Marshal TITO there were about 80 people present, and he observed present at this reception a Yugoslav from Los Angeles named MATH KOVACEVIC, a Los Angeles real estate dealer who is prominent in Yugoslav circles. MARKUL also saw at this reception an old man from Cleveland, Ohio, called "CHRISTO," and who is active in some organization known as the "SPJ."

After this reception was over and he returned to his sister's home in Zagreb, his sister, Mrs. GORIC, asked him what he thought about Marshal TITO and when he explained to them his idea that TITO is an impostor, his sister said that she and her husband concur in his belief and that many people have the same notion. They went on to state that when Marshal TITO talked on the radio some five or six years ago, they noticed that he had a Russian accent, and that his voice was different from that of JOSIP BROZ, who they stated disappeared in 1937. MARKUL's father worked in the same town with JOSIP BROZ, who was a machinist, and his father stated that the present TITO is not identical with the JOSIP BROZ who was secretary of the CP in Yugoslavia prior to 1937.

According to MARKUL, the Russian Government actually controlled Yugoslavia and has for many years. He predicted that there would be an open break between Yugoslavia and the United States before four or five months have passed, and that Yugoslavia will be openly on the side of Russia. He stated that the so-called split between Russia and Yugoslavia was a maneuver designed to fool the Western Powers so that they would give aid to Yugoslavia. According to MARKUL, the Yugoslavia people hate TITO, and will throw him out if they ever get an opportunity.

MARKUL said that he noticed many Russian-plain clothed Secret Police loitering in various public places such as restaurants. He advised he was able to spot them because he had spent a number of years in the Soviet Union. According to MARKUL, the information about TITO being an impostor can be confirmed by a friend of his, Doctor ZIVKO OPALOVICH, who lives at the following address: 1 AV. du XV Corps, Hyeres-Var, France. MARKUL said that Doctor

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TOPALOVICH, who is a Socialist, know the real TITO well. Doctor TOPALOVICH has been sentenced to serve twenty years imprisonment by the Yugoslav Government so he cannot return to Yugoslavia. He has been accused by the Yugoslav Government of being an American and British Intelligence agent. Doctor TOPALOVICH has written MARKUL that he believes the present TITO is actually a Russian general named NIKOLAI LEBEDEV (ph.). Doctor TOPALOVICH was on the military staff of General MIHAILOVIC at the time, and he conferred with General NIKOLAI LEBEDEV. MIHAILOVIC gained the impression that this General NIKOLAI LEBEDEV was a trained Communist leader, not primarily a military man. MIHAILOVIC also had occasion to see the real JOSIP BROZ, so he was in a position to know whether or not the present Marshal TITO is identical with JOSIP BROZ.

According to MARKUL, Doctor TOPALOVICH is a reliable individual who has spoken on the Voice of America program in France. MARKUL observed that if the Soviet Government had wanted to remove Marshal TITO, it could have done so at any time because it has many agents in Yugoslavia.

MARKUL stated that he has carefully read the biography of Marshal TITO by VLADIMIR DEDIJER, and he has noted many important discrepancies in this book which would support his claim that TITO is an impostor. He pointed out that in 1937 and 1938 a great purge occurred in Russia, and that many of the people were ruthlessly liquidated by STALIN, and that many trusted Communist Party (CP) leaders were liquidated at this time. He pointed out that in 1937 a number of Yugoslav Communist functionaries were in Russia, and that it is known that many of them were liquidated. He further pointed out that TITO is merely a Party alias of JOSIP BROZ, and it is not a family name.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

MARKUL advised that he was Trustee and Secretary of the American-Yugoslav Civic Club, but he quit this organization in August, 1954, because he felt this organization was spending too much money entertaining Yugoslav officials, and that he did not like some of its officers. He advised that he is a member of Lodge 177 of the Croatian Fraternal Union. He called himself a Socialist Democrat, and

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states that he admires NORMAN THOMAS very much. He stated that he has never been a Communist, and further, he admires the United States Government and that he is entirely loyal to the United States Government and is willing to help it in important matters.

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 5, 1955, that the Croatian Fraternal Union of America (CFU) with national offices at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a bona fide fraternal insurance organization which has been incorporated to conduct an insurance business in many parts of the United States.

The bulk of the CFU membership is loyal to the United States Government, but pro-Communist delegates elected several of their candidates to the Supreme Board of Directors at the Seventh National CFU Convention in 1947 and were successful in electing their entire slate, composed of CP members and sympathizers, at the Eighth National CFU Convention held in Los Angeles, California, September 17-25, 1951.

Since the 1951 Convention, the Supreme Board of the CFU, which consists of thirteen members, has split into two rival factions. Eleven of the Supreme Board members have joined with MARTIN KRASIC, leader of the pro-Communist faction, while one member has followed the leadership of V. I. WARDICH, the Supreme President who, since the 1951 Convention, has aligned himself with the anti-Communist element in the CFU.

The MARTIN KRASIC group is composed of CP members, pro-Russian sympathizers and opportunists.

T-3, supra, on December 17, 1954, advised that Lodge 177 of the CFU has about 600 members. Pro-Cominform Yugoslavs have endeavored to get control of this Lodge, but they have not been successful. There are some pro-Cominform Yugoslavs in the Lodge and some pro-TITO Yugoslavs and some who are anti-TITO and anti-Cominform.

The following is a description of MARKUL as obtained from interview and observation:

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Name	MARIJAN JOHN MARKUL
Born	Livno, Yugoslavia November 27, 1909
Sex	Male
Age	45
Height	5'11"
Weight	175-180
Hair	Brown, slightly gray
Complexion	Buddy
Eyes	Gray
Build	Stocky
Scars and marks	Scar over left eye (diagonal)
Marital status	Married
Wife	INGRID MARKUL
Relatives	Father: IVAN MARKUL Yugoslavia Sisters: Mrs. ANNA GORTO Zagreb, Yugoslavia MILA GORTICANOVICH Zagreb, Yugoslavia MARY BAROCH Zagreb, Yugoslavia

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